(v) Carrying out of a sustained media/awareness campaign to sensitize people against child labour.

Allocation of Levy Sugar to Orissa

696. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of levy sugar allotted to Orissa between January and October during the years 1994 and 1995;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to increase the allocation of levy sugar to Orissa; and

(c) if so, the steps taken for the allotment of levy sugar to Orissa in the remaining perod of financial year 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) The total quantum of levy sugar allotted to Orissa between January and October during the years 1994 and 1995 for PDS including festival quota is as under:—

(in Metric tonnes)

Period	1994	1995
January to October	133121.4	128900.0

(b) and (c) In view of the increased availability of sugar during the 1994-95 sugar season, an ad hoc increase of 5% in the monthly levy allocation of all States/UTs, which was withdrawn earlier, has been restored with effect from September, 1995. Accordingly, the allocation of levy sugar for Orissa during November and December, 1995 is as follows:

(i) Normal monthly allocation — 12393.0 metric tonnes.

(ii) 5% ad hoc increase in monthly allocation — 620.0 metric tonnes.

However, in view of persistent demand for enhancement of levy sugar quota by the States/UTs on account of increase in population and better availability of sugar, the Government have decided to allocate levy sugar as per 1991 census with effect from 1.1.1996. Accordingly, levy sugar allocation for the State of Orissa works out to 13546.0 metric tonnes from January, 1996 onwards.

Work-Related Deaths and Asia Pacific Conference

697. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that as per ILO's estimates about two lakh work-related deaths occur each year all over the world as reported in the 'Financial Express', New Delhi dated the 17th November, 1995; and

(b) whether the Union Labour Minister presided over the three-day Asia-Pacific Conference on "Safety, Health and Environment Workable Solutions" held recently in New Delhi; if so, what concrete suggestions were made and solutions recommended?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes Sir. As per the estimates of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) about 200,000 work-related deaths occur each year all over the world.

(b) The Union Labour Minister presided over the inaugural function of the three day Asia Pacific Occupational Safety Health Organisation (APOSHO) Conference held from 16th to 18th November, 1995 at New Delhi.

The Conference covered a wide range of topics on safety, health and environment including policy legislation, chemical emergency prevention, preparedness and response etc. The main recommendations/conclusions of the Conference are:

(i) APOSHO standards for Occupational Safety and Health should be developed and adopted by the member Countries.

(ii) There should be net working arrangements at different levels for information sharing.

(iii) Comprehensive guidelines for environment care may be developed and circulated and national policies and laws need to be reviewed with a view to introducing a comprehensive legislation.

(iv) Trade Unions should be involved and taken into confidence at the planning stage itself to ensure harmony and excellent results in the field of safety.

Proposal for Marking Ex-Factory Price on Commodities

698. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering/examining the feasibility of indicating the ex-factory price of commodities on packages to deal with the problem of marking of inflated prices by manufacturers on some commodities, in the shape of maximum retail prices;

(b) whether the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices have conducted any survey to see that excise duty concessions announced in the 1995-96 budget were being passed on to the consumers; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CIVIL SUPPLIES) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) the Ministry has constituted an Expert Committee to suggest the best method of declaring retail sale price on pre-packed commodities under the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977. The issue of indicating the 'ex-factory price' on the packages, is one of the alternatives being considered by the Committee.

(b) and (c) A sample study on certain select items conducted by the BICP reveals that, out of the units surveyed among the selected industries, in the case of 8 items the excise/customs duty concessions have been passed on fully, and in the case of 7 items they have been passed on partially, whereas in the case of 2 items the concessions have not been passed on.

Loss in BCCL

699. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned "BCCL in a sorry condition" which appeared in Pioneer dated 7-11-95;

(b) if so, whether BCCL has been declared sick and referred to BIFR;

(c) if so, the total losses suffered by BCCL during the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by Government to bring down the losses of BCCL?